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ON 16 AND 17 NOVEMBER 1967 THE HLHX PRESS/PROPAGANDA FACILITY IN SAM NEUA REPORTED THAT AN AMERICAN PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AFTER BEING SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER 1967. THE PILOT WAS NAMED ON 16 NOVEMBER AS QTE MAJOR FOLING, COMMANDER OF THE 338TH SQUADRON, KORAT, THAILAND UNQTE, AND ON 17 NOVEMBER AS QTE COLONEL YOH PITO PHEULIN, COMMANDER OF THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT, THAILAND UNQTE. UNITED STATES OPERATIONAL DATA REVEALS THAT COLONEL JOHN PETER FLYNN, COMMANDER OF THE 388TH SQUADRON, KORAT THAILAND WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HANOI ON 27 OCTOBER 1967. THE INFORMATION WAS IN THE FORM OF TWO OPEN LETTERS DIRECTED TOWARDS RIGHTIST FORCES IN LAOS THE THEME OF WHICH WAS THAT AMERICAN PILOTS WERE FEARFUL OF FLYING MISSIONS OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THESE LETTERS WERE SAID TO BE BASED ON STATEMENTS BY COLONEL FLYNN TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISON IN WHICH HE IS HELD AND TO AN UNIDENTIFIED VIETNAMESE INTERVIEWER. THE FOLLOWING ARE TYPICAL OF THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE COLONEL: QTE WHEN OUR PILOTS FLY THEIR AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK YOUR COUNTRY, IT IS A FRIGHTENING AND MEMORABLE MATTER. IN OUR HEARTS WE HAVE A FEAR OF YOUR AIR DEFENSE FORCES UNQTE. QTE WHEN WE GO TO ATTACK NORTH VIETNAM, ON OUR RETURN WE DO NOT DARE TO CONVERSE BECAUSE THE MORE WE CONVERSE, THE MORE WE ARE AFRAID TO THE POINT WE LOSE OUR SENSES UNQTE. QTE WE CAN ONLY DRINK LIQUOR TO ERASE OUR FEAR AND CONFUSION UNQTE. QTE I WILL STILL LIVE LONGER THAN THE PILOTS WHO ARE FLYING TO ATTACK NORTH VIETNAM. I AM HELD IN PRISON BUT STILL NOT DEAD. IF I CARRIED ON THE LIFE OF FLYING AN AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK VIETNAM ONCE AGAIN, I WOULD BE SHOT AND KILLED WHILE STUCK IN AN AIRCRAFT UNQTE. ((NOTE: THIS REPORT SATISFIES DIRNSA MESSAGE B61/1972/67)) 370 NNNN

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